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“The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places.”

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LORD OF THE WINGS 2023

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On October 18, 2023, the second annual Lord of the Wings competition took place in the Fraternity Circle Courtyard, where contestants representing different fraternities and organizations saw who could eat a mix of twenty wings the fastest. The wings, provided by Meriweather-Godsey, provided an excellent challenge to contestants, all racing to chow down. One stipulation that was made clear to everyone before the event began was that the wings must be fully eaten. Furthermore, contestants would be forced to eat the remainder of the meat on the bones if Dean Bawyer found it insufficient. The prize for finishing first was a gift card to Buffalo Wild Wings, a fitting reward, and a banner commemorating the victory that would be displayed in the home of the winning party.

The race started off quickly. There were some different strategies employed to try to win. Some took it slow and steady, while others ate the bulk of the wings quickly, polishing them off once they finished the twenty. The competition was fierce. Four teams ended up finishing within twenty seconds of each other, but ultimately Austin Rose '27 of Ducks Unlimited took first place. Speaking to the newspaper in a post-victory interview, Rose was asked how he felt about his win. He explained how he had not initially planned to attend but decided to come after receiving a GroupMe text saying that Ducks Unlimited needed someone to step up to the plate. Describing his initial trepidation towards participating, he said that there were “a lot of bigger freshmen.” Despite this, he

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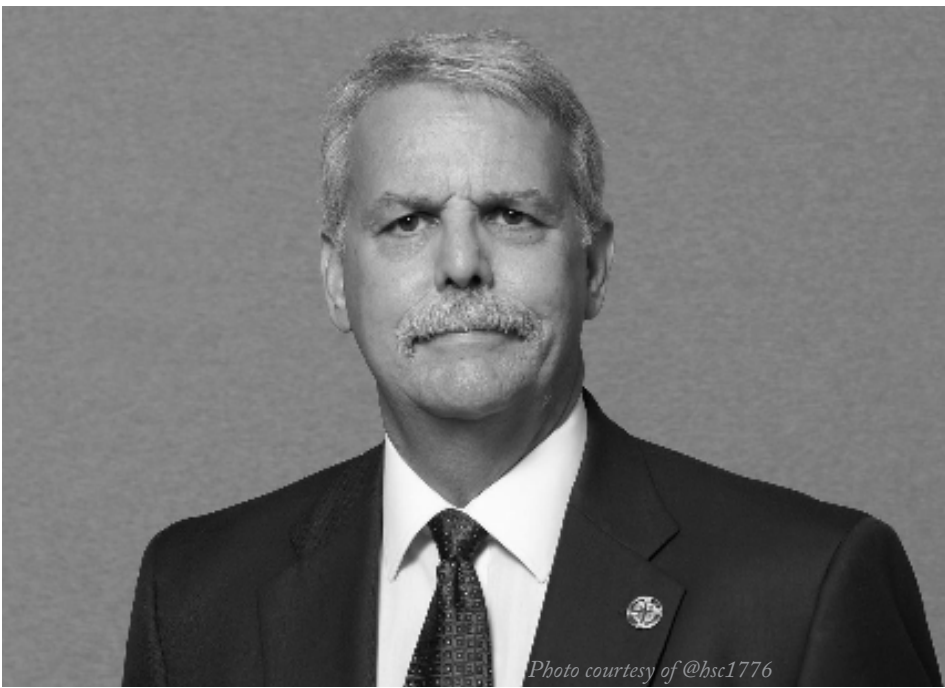


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IN MEMORIAM: LTC. L. RUCKER SNEAD

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I still recall that Tuesday morning last spring. It was just like every other Tuesday for me, walking from the Commons up to the third floor of Morton Hall and preparing myself for an American National Security class with Colonel Snead. Little did I know that issues of national security would not be mentioned at all that morning. Unfortunately, on this Tuesday morning, Colonel Snead told our class that he had been diagnosed with cancer.

Our classroom was at a loss for words. Colonel Snead, being the courageous man that he was, did not ask for pity with his situation. He used our eighty-minute class period that day to do what he did best: inspire students to become better men. Colonel Snead urged us to be better people, to not take anything for granted, and to always help those in need. From that day forward, my appreciation for this institution has changed. Sure, the material we cover in class is significant and will assist us in whatever career we choose to pursue. But more importantly, the lessons that we learn here on the Hill, perhaps the ones we least expect, will be the foundation for the kinds of husbands, fathers, and friends we become in the future.

Colonel Snead's impact on

the Hampden-Sydney community cannot be understated. He quite literally is integral to the existing culture on campus. Even though he is no longer physically with us, his impact is not lost on all of us who aim to uphold his legacy. Colonel Greg Eanes, USAF (Ret.), a Visiting Lecturer at Hampden-Sydney and one of Colonel Snead's colleagues and friends, shared his thoughts on the profound void left by his passing. He remarked, “Rucker Snead was literally ‘Mr. Hampden-Sydney.’ His mind, body, and soul were dedicated to this place and the people in it. It was not merely a place of employment or a place he went to college; it was his ‘home’ and all that word entails.” It is fair to say that, over the past forty years, Colonel Snead and Hampden-Sydney have become synonymous with one another.

Beyond Colonel Snead's influence in the classroom, he will be well remembered for his impact in growing the ROTC program here at the College. Through his guidance and leadership, not only has the program on campus sustained its recruitment, but it is also attracting more students to become a part of its future success. A current junior in the program, Campion White, relayed in an interview that Colonel Snead “is the reason that I'm at this

school [and] pursuing the opportunities that are in front of me. He truly was the epitome of a Hampden-Sydney man.” Colonel Snead's impact is felt by alumni just the same. Joseph Dail, currently a member of the Virginia Army Nation-

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BG David Stewart Visit

MARC MOROZ '26
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This past week, while the Homecoming concert was warming up, the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest hosted an address in honor of General Sam Wilson—the namesake of the program—by Brigadier General David Stewart (Class of '91), who graduated only a year before Dean Bowyer.

He told two stories to the students to demonstrate lessons he had gleaned from the military. The first story was about a man named Stacey King who had the right attitude and maintained his positivity in the face of failure and being overshadowed by others. On the night when Michael Jordan scored his all-time highest in a single game (69 points), a reporter asked King how it felt to be on the same court as Jordan, to which King quipped, “I will always remember this as the night that Michael Jordan and I combined to score seventy points.”

FROM PULPIT TO POLITICS: CANDIDATE JOSH BLAKELY

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This past Wednesday Hampden-Sydney hosted a town hall sit-down with Reverend Josh Blakely, a candidate for the 50th District for the Virginia House of Delegates, with moderator Daniel Nivens. There, Rev. Blakely went over his main campaign points, namely Dignity, Neighbors, Community. Rev. Blakely has been a big advocate in the Prince Edward community and believes heavily in the values of the community of Prince Edward County. With the run up to the election day on November 7th, he was happy to discuss his interests and areas where he believes that adjustments need to be made.

With each campaign point getting a section of the town hall, he started with Dignity and went into how the community at large needs to have the dignity to step up and empower one another to get the help that the community needs. As stated by Rev. Blakely, “We can make a difference to the most vulnerable among us, and I know that our local leaders want to do that. We need people in Richmond who are going to empower them to do that.” With this issue to him being resolved with basic Dignity, Rev. Blakely then went into the importance of Neighbors and how that would affect even a college student. He went into how he worked in resi-

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The second story was about General Stewart being brought into a briefing and saying that, while he was sure that the men before him had done a great job of saying how they could win, his job was to talk about how to handle things if they did not. General Stewart continued by elaborating on the importance of morale and how to use failures to identify the men with the strongest characters.

From 2021 to 2023, General Stewart served as the Commanding General of the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, so

he answered many questions about the roles of drones and unmanned aerial systems both as tools and as threats. These questions included questions about the conflicts between Ukraine and Russia and between Israel and Palestine. He also discussed the benefits and drawbacks of changing leaders and foreign policy with every election.

General Stewart concluded by reminding the students that taking proper care of themselves is essential to success in school as well as in whatever career they choose.



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Departments across campus have seen their operating budgets cut significantly this year. According to Vice President Copeland, this was necessary because enrollment is down significantly from where it was a few years ago. This is part of a national trend in enrollment that began around the beginning of COVID-19. Vice President Copeland stated that, since we have maintained roughly the same number of faculty while the school’s income from tuition has decreased significantly, making cuts to operating budgets was the next move. In the largest inflationary economy in decades, maintaining the school, paying for food, and providing health-care for employees of the school have all gotten significantly more expensive. As a result, to keep things the way they are—let alone to give faculty a pay increase that at least attempts to keep up with in-

flation—requires the school to either raise costs or decrease expenditures. “Everybody got cut.... Nobody got cut as far as people are concerned, but we curtailed [operating funds] in just about every place,” he said. Decreasing the operating budgets of each group means that student organizations and clubs can still be adequately funded without raising tuition by a percentage greater than that which is indicated by the Higher Education Price Index.

Enrollment numbers were up for the first time since COVID-19 this fall, so the hope is that increases in enrollment will outpace inflation. H-SC has the infrastructure for close to another 200 students, and an increase of that amount would not have substantial effects on the culture of the college. Therefore, admissions and the Business Office put into place new strategies when recruiting the class of '23 that will be continued for the next rounds of recruitment. The new approach is best

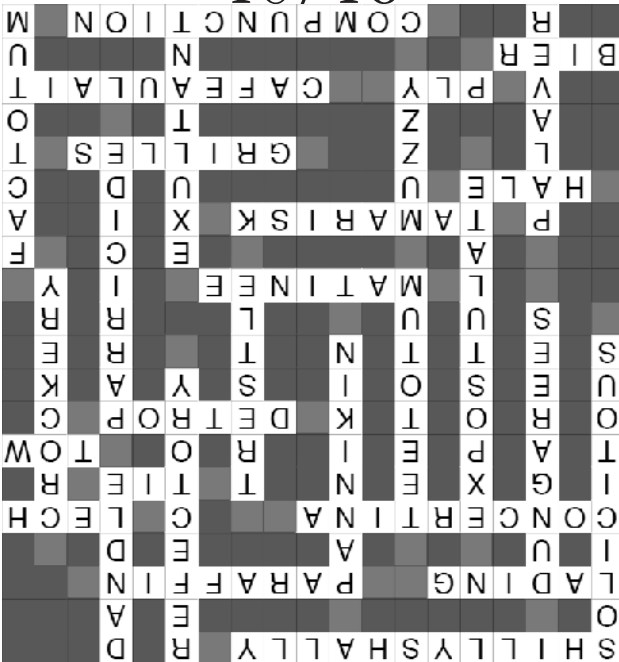
characterized as a widening of the net so that the school can attract and accept more applicants and return more quickly to a financially stable position.

In the meantime, rough years are a chance for departments to use funds that were donated specifically to them, also called restricted funds. Vice President Copeland elaborated, “Some programs and departments have accumulated significant money” thinking that they “need to hold onto [the] restricted money for a rainy day and spend operating dollars first.” Well, Vice President Copeland believes that this is the rainy day they have been waiting for. He says that the cuts were calculated so that “from a percentage perspective, there were no standouts among the cuts” and changes in operating funds. Vice President Copeland closed the interview by summarizing, “We are trying our best to look after our employees while at the same time not sacrificing the students’ experience.”

One program that saw a significant cut to its budget was the Career Center. Mrs. Stephanie Joynes, the Director of the Career Center, said that their services to the students will be mostly unaffected, as they were already hosted as efficiently as possible. The cuts will have the biggest impact on attempts to hire a new counselor for the center. Mrs. Joynes says that the Center has kept its events efficient by making changes like substituting in-person meetings—which would incur travel costs—for Zoom meetings and hosting events like the Career Fair that draw potential employers to the school, once again saving on travel costs. Furthermore, in the absence of a third counselor, the student workers have seen an increased role in things like resume reviews. If students would like to travel to meet someone or have an event they would benefit from, Mrs. Joynes suggests that they bring a plan to her so that she can see if there is a way

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Crossword Answers
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CROSSWORD
UPDATES

RICHARD JONES '25
CRUCIVERBALIST

Hello All,
Unfortunately, I was unable to compile a crossword for you all this issue due to spending Fall Break bonding with my family: dishwasher installation with Dad, walking and gossiping with Mom, teaching Grandma how to play *Bio-shock*, etc. Unwise though this use of time may have been, it has allowed me the opportunity to use some of the space for what might have been the crossword to make a few changes moving forward.

First, I will be announcing the book that the crossword is based on one issue ahead, usually at the end of the description of the previous book. For the next issue, this book will

be *Meditations* by Marcus Aurelius. I hope that doing this will make the crosswords easier going forward, as you will be able to read or scan the book ahead of time to see what kind of words might be included.

Second, I will be attempting to make the crosswords easier overall by including easier words from the reading. It has taken professors, churchgoers, my mother, and my friends to convince me that my crosswords are too difficult as is; and, while I am stubborn, I can be convinced by overwhelming evidence, like a good friend of mine struggling to get even one word.

That about covers it! Remember, next issue’s crossword is based on *Meditations* by Marcus Aurelius. Good Luck!

Homecoming weekend is a yearly staple for every college across the country, and Hampden-Sydney’s Homecoming was as fun and lively as ever. Tigers, alumni, and their families came to campus to enjoy the events that the weekend had to offer. The festivities began on Thursday October 19th with a huge concert held outside the Kirby Fieldhouse. The Cordovas, a rock-and-roll band from Nashville, opened the concert with an hour-long set showcasing their original music. Throughout the band’s set, each member showed off their vocal and instrumental talents while really engaging with the audience and allowing themselves to feel the music. Once the Cordovas played their final song and the 30-minute intermission between the bands ended, the

main act, the country trio The Castellows, graced the stage. Comprised of 3 sisters, “Ellie the lead guitarist, Powell the banjoist, and Lily the lead vocalist,” from Georgetown, Georgia, The Castellows performed a set full of original songs and incredible covers. The concert goes also got to hear their first original single “No.7 Road,” which was officially released the next day. The next huge event held in honor of Homecoming was the Homecoming football game versus Washington and Lee University on Saturday, October 21st. Along with the football game, the standard tailgate was held in The Founder’s Lot. While tailgating is a staple at every Hampden-Sydney football game, this tailgate was one of the best attended. The Founder’s Lot was filled with delicious food, friendly conversations, and Tigers of all ages cheering on the team.



Photo courtesy of Jacob Garner

Many alumni came out to celebrate Homecoming and visit the campus. No matter where you went on campus, it seemed like an alum was there and willing to talk to you about their time at HSC and their life since, truly proving why HSC’s Alumni Network is ranked 3rd by the Princeton Review. Every alumnus also seemed to be decked out in school spirit to show off their Tiger pride, creating a sea of garnet and grey to be visible around the campus. Though the Tiger football team quickly took the lead

by 14 points, they were unable to beat Washington and Lee’s team, with the game ending with W&L winning 21-17. Even with the loss, morale stayed high as the tailgate seemed to continue past the game’s end. As Homecoming Weekend came to a close, alumni participation and student engagement continued into the night. The unfortunate loss at the game could not put a damper on the Tiger spirit, nor could it cast a light on the amazing events that the weekend contained.

SPORTS

2028 OLYMPIC GAMES:
FUTURE H-SC LACROSSE GOLD MEDALIST

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On Monday, October 9th, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted to add five sports to the Summer Games in Los Angeles in 2028. Among the five sports to be added, one sport may be of particular interest to Hampden-Sydney students: lacrosse. The addition of the game comes for the first time since it was featured in the 1904 and 1908 Olympic games, and played as a demonstration sport in the 1948 London games. The newly reinstated game for the 2028 Los Angeles games will be played as “sixes.” Sixes is described as “an incredibly fast-paced, compact version of lacrosse, combining the most exciting elements of the more traditional disciplines. It is characterized by an accelerated, open style of play with quick transitions and non-stop, high-scoring action.” The game comes as a new addition along with baseball, softball, cricket, flag football, and squash. During the sport’s last outing

in the 1948 London games, the United States team was composed of an undefeated Rensselaer collegiate team that boasted some of the nation’s greatest players. Fielding talented collegiate players isn’t an uncommon trait for international lacrosse competitions. The World Lacrosse Men’s Championship, a championship occurring every 4 years that features countries such as the United States, Canada, and England, is home to players from the powerhouse universities of college lacrosse. University of Virginia, Johns Hopkins, and of course, Hampden-Sydney. Jeff Jackson ‘88 was a standout player for the Tigers during his time on the Hill. A three-time All-American, four-time All-ODAC selection, and two-time ODAC Player of the Year, Jeff was the youngest member of the U.S National team that won the World Lacrosse Men’s Championship in 1990 just two years after his illustrious career in a Garnet and Grey uniform. Jeff has been the only H-SC lacrosse member to suit up for the U.S national team, but

A Celebrating Team At the 1908 Olympics



with the addition of the game back into the Olympics for 2028, he may not be the last. After boasting an impressive 8-1 record in conference play last season, the Tigers are gearing up for a big spring season. I spoke with senior goalie Peter Smith '24 about what his thoughts were on the upcoming season and what the addition of the sport to the 2028 Olympics means for the program moving forward. “I think lacrosse being added to the LA Olympics is an important step for growing the sport,” Smith says. “It has been gaining more recognition in the US and the rest of the world.” When asked about his thoughts on what this means for the Tigers moving forward, Smith said “There has been one player in H-SC lacrosse history to play for the

USA national team. There is a chance that there could be another H-SC lacrosse member to play for the US in the future. It could help give H-SC players as well as other lacrosse players something to strive for.” Throughout the many decorated years of Hampden-Sydney College athletic history, the Tigers have boasted standouts in every sport the college has fielded. Countless All-Americans, All-ODAC, and professionals have dominated for the Garnet and Grey. Could this be the next opportunity for another Tiger to suit up for the US? The Tigers have yet to post their schedule for the upcoming spring 2024 season, but preparations are well underway for an exciting campaign and a more exciting future.

WEIRDNESS WOES:
THE NFL

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What a weird weekend for the NFL, huh? A lot of upsets occurred this weekend and I am here to catch you up on all of it. Here is my quick summary for last week:

Las Vegas Raiders at Chicago Bears: It is safe to say that the Chicago Bears got the job done without their starting quarterback Justin Fields. A rookie out of Division II, Tyson Bagent, stepped up and did his job for Chicago. Bagent threw for 162 yards and a touchdown in their 30-12 victory. D’Onta Foreman had a great game as well, scoring three touchdowns. He ran for a total of 89 yards, had two rushing touchdowns, and a catch in the endzone. The Bears had trouble at the start of the season, but are looking to turn things around. With this win, the Bears move their record to 2 wins and 5 losses as they go on to play the Los Angeles Chargers next week.

Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots: Finally, the Patriots showed up to play. This weekend, Bill Belichick and his boys got the job done against the star-stud-

ded Buffalo Bills. Mac Jones led the charge throwing for 272 yards and two touchdowns. This performance by Jones included an impressive 75-yard game-winning drive to go ahead by 4 points. The final score in this game was 29-25. Although the Patriots have struggled so far this year, with a record of 2 wins and 5 losses, they look confident going into their next game against the Miami Dolphins.

San Francisco 49ers at Minnesota Vikings: The Vikings finally finished a game on the winning end of things. Kirk Cousins threw for a whopping 378 yards and two touchdowns to beat the 49ers in a close game. The final score was 22-17. Cousins’ main receiver that evening was Jordan Addison who caught the ball 7 times for 123 yards. The Vikings moved their record to 3 wins and 4 losses on the year. Much like the other teams who won this weekend, Minnesota looks confident going into their next matchup. Considering the Vikings play the Packers next weekend, they picked a good time to get confident - this age-old rivalry game will

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HEARTBREAK DURING HOMECOMING

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This past weekend, Hampden-Sydney celebrated its annual homecoming weekend. During that weekend, on October 21st, Hampden-Sydney football played a competitive home game against the Washington and Lee Generals. Two touchdowns early the first quarter were impressive; however, it provided a false sense of security. The Tigers maintained their lead through the end of the third quarter - the score being 17-14. Unfortunately, this was all she wrote for our Tigers. The game would take a turn for the worse when the Generals scored within the last four minutes of the game. Even though our Tigers fought hard, the game was lost with a final score being a mere 21-17.

Even amid a heartbreaking loss, several players stood out for our Hampden-Sydney Tigers. Senior Quarterback Andrew Puccinelli proved once more his status as an elite QB. As our Tiger’s QB1, he threw 26 complete passes for a total of 259 yards and 2 touchdowns. Senior running back Melik Frost also showed out for our offense with 88 rushing yards and an impressive 5.2 yards per carry. Mason Cunningham, a sophomore receiver, also supported the offense with 59 receiving yards, 6 caught passes, and 1 receiving touchdown. Last to note, senior team captain and linebacker Tramell Thompson led our defense with 9 total tackles and 1 sack. The heart-wrenching homecoming defeat leaves the Tigers with a 4-3 overall record and a 2-2 conference

record. Although this loss was upsetting, our record does not look too shabby. Up next our Tigers will face Guilford at Greensboro, NC on October 28th. Guilford currently holds a losing record of 2-5, with a 1-2 home record. Our boys should therefore be able to bounce back from this week’s loss. Our archnemesis, Randolph-Macon, played Guilford last weekend, beating them 70-14, so hopefully we can beat them while they are already down. Mark your calendars for this game folks

as well as our last home game. On November 4th, we are scheduled to play Shenandoah in our last home game of the season. The final game played in Death Valley will be the team’s senior day so make sure to bring the energy. To add one final thought, especially considering we are speaking on energy and important dates, “The Game” is scheduled for November 11th - the next three games look like they will be good ones, and you won’t want to miss them. Roll Tigers!



WINGS, CONT'D
pulled out an amazing victory, saying that he “demolished the competition.” The Lord of the Wings competition was a lot more than an excuse to gorge yourself with chicken wings. It was the second part of Red Flag Week, an effort around campus to raise awareness for sexual abuse and violence. In its initial stage, “red flag” signs were posted around campus, depicting examples of abuse between partners. The final event of the week was the Nine for IX Golf Tournament, which brought together students and alumni to join in support of raising awareness at The Manor Golf Club. In a statement to the Tiger, Adrienne Traylor, the Title IX Coordinator, and organizer of the event said that Red Flag Week was started to get students “aware of red flags in relationships.” The campaign was started in response to the death of Yeardley Love, a student at the University of Virginia who was beaten to death by her boyfriend in 2010. The Lord of the Wings event specifically was about making sure that we keep our brothers accountable and safe by being “the best wingman you can be.” Giving advice to students, Traylor added “Look in your life for healthy relationships, make sure that you’re safe, and that there are no red flags.” The Lord of the Wings event was a critical piece in raising awareness around campus of what abuse looks like and is a good reminder to us all to keep each other away from people or behaviors that might put us in a dangerous situation. We all need to remember that we are our brother’s keeper, and the Lord of the Wings was an entertaining and delicious way to do just that.

LIFE

TUCKER THOUGHTS:
THE ONE WHEREIN HE WEARS A
COAT AND TIE

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“Make Hampden-Sydney Preppy Again.” That’s what I say whenever somebody asks me why I’m wearing a tie. It’s not all that militant—it’s preceded by a shrug and saying, “I felt like it,” or “I had a presentation,” but it needs no excuse. Recently, I’ve been looking at old pictures in yearbooks and on the walls. They’re full of sport coats and blazers and ties, from students to professors. Far be it from me to criticize the attire of those who teach me, and the faculty is well dressed on the whole, but the student body is in an entirely different place.

Maybe it was COVID or maybe it was something beforehand but, at some point, the standard of Hampden-Sydney dressing lowered. It has, perhaps, swung to the other end of the spectrum, from preppy to pajamas. The standard remains blue blazer and khakis, and the fact that no student is without that in his closet is heartening, but that is now a box to be checked and no longer a full characteristic of the H-SC man. The coat and tie are part of an occasion, rather than a part of a lifestyle.

It’s easier to let things slide in sweatpants—what I mean is that it coincides with a general attitude shift about the school. Anecdotally, the average student has a high-



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er chance of having done the reading than of wearing a collared shirt by a humble margin. It is not reasonable to expect a formal showing from each student every day, but there is plenty of room between that standard and wearing pajamas to class. There’s a standard exhibited by dressing well, one that tends to uphold the other parts of being a Hampden-Sydney man. It’s unfair to say that one cannot be a good man and/or good citizen in pajama pants, but the pajama pants fit more easily into the schema of Zyns littering sidewalks than gentlemanly behavior in all times and places. I think it’s safe to argue that discarded Zyns in classrooms are not gentlemanly.

Hampden-Sydney will—knock on wood—never lose its tenets of behavior and sound learning, but it could stand to re-emphasize them. In the age of the Swagalog and Barstool, it’s understandable that we gained a partial reputation as a party school—it’s not feasible to deny that part of Hampden-Sydney life. The problem is that we as a student body are emphasizing that

aspect of the H-SC identity above the rigorous education and deep virtue that it simultaneously holds. I have no complaint regarding weekend frivolity, so long we who indulge pick ourselves up on the morning after and live in the daylight as embodiments of the rest of Hampden-Sydney’s identity. I’ve heard us described as a party school, and that is a quieting of and disservice to the outstanding effort and virtue required by the Hampden-Sydney education. Acting in such a manner as to emphasize that value is all that we need, but one of those actions might just be dressing like it.

H-SC is a college built to form statesmen and good men/citizens of impact. When we go to town in pajamas and slides, we distance ourselves from the standard of manhood we wish to inculcate. Athletic wear and jeans are perhaps the right of the undergraduate and especially the athlete, but beyond those it takes the same amount of intentionality to pull on a pair of pajama pants as it does to put on khakis;

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CHRISTIAN’S CORNER:
A FINAL LOOK AT THE SOUL

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To recap, the Christian’s Corner has been investigating the soul and the importance of the soul to a Christian. Previously, scripture from the Bible helped deduce that the soul is vital to the understanding of Christian afterlife because the soul either goes to Heaven or to Hell; and, although nothing can guarantee a soul’s entrance to Heaven, there are earthly matters that can positively affect the soul and nudge it towards Heaven. Conversely, there are earthly matters that can negatively affect the soul (sin) and will push the soul closer to Hell.

A crucial takeaway from the last article was “all have sinned and fallen short” (Romans 3:23). This verse is a cornerstone for Christianity because it highlights our utter dependence upon an intermediary, Jesus, for purification. Without some intercession, our souls can never get clean enough on Earth to enter Heaven. To be clear, “some intercession” is only one thing, one possibility. This is the first part of understanding purification in the Christian sense. Only through the Son of God can us sinners ever hope to be with the Father: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

For the next step, we must get close to God: “Come



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near to God and he will come near to you” (James 4:8). God, being the most opposite of sin will undoubtedly cleanse us. This closeness can be worked towards through behaviors such as reading the Bible, praying, and doing good deeds; but again, only Jesus will bring us to the level of closeness that is required: “If you knew me, you would know my Father also” (John 8:19). Thankfully, the Bible provides instructions on knowing Jesus: “By this we know we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments” and “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (1 John 2:3; John 14:15). Thus, the commands we can find in the Bible allow us to know Jesus which is to know the Father; which is to cleanse the soul; which is to have eternal life: “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you” (John 15:3).

Again, as Christians it is important to understand purification because it is deeply rooted in our identity, in our relationship with Christ, and in our soul’s determination. So far, we have gath-

ered that purification can only occur by knowing Jesus, and knowing Jesus means keeping His commandments. Although we will surely spend a lifetime trying to keep these commands and recognize them, Jesus had mercy and slimmed the commandment list down to two commands He thought important: “You shall love your God with all heart with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39). Books have been written about how to follow these commandments. But, by simply beginning to follow the two great orders, the purification process starts.

Notice that the word “starts” from the previous sentence. This implies that eventually the purification process will come to an end. Of course, the purification process will end, but only after your entire life here on Earth. The road is long and narrow, and great difficulties will hinder the process. Still, hope for Heaven re-

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OF (TWO OF) THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY CANDIDATES

BEN JIA '25
STAFF WRITER

I begin with a few notes. First, our good President attended the presentations—I understand that to be atypical—and so one must understand that the candidates were constrained in what they could say qua job candidate; if their comments were, at times, more politic than one would like, then I beg sympathy for their situations. Second, I did not attend the first candidate’s presentation, and shall not comment on her in comparison to the other two. Third, my overall

impression, generated both from the presentation and from conversation with others, was that Dr. Glass—the second candidate—would make a fairly good Dean of the Faculty. I did find the other candidate, Dr. Diette, to be a forthright person, and I appreciated that he went into more specifics than Dr. Glass seemed to be willing to; at the same time, he seemed less experienced.

In brief summary, Dr. Glass outlined what he believes to be the advantages of a liberal arts college and discussed the role of Dean of the Faculty in light of those ad-

vantages. According to Dr. Glass, a liberal arts college—in virtue of its closer-knit community—has many more synergies among its various faculty, programs, student organizations, etc. than a research university might. The role of a Dean of the Faculty is to discover such synergies, or even merely potential synergies, and bring them to light, so to speak, and enhance the prior advantages of the liberal arts college. Dr. Glass is a math professor, and he spoke of his experience in bringing in other faculty to highlight applications of mathematics among other things.

In general, I found his points to be fairly strong and quite reasonable—he spoke of many other topics, and I have not gone into much detail here. Dr. Diette discussed many of the same issues, and made more specific suggestions in his talk—I recall, for example, that he highlighted our Ferguson Center and its role in finding students internships—and I generally found them to be comparable. Dr. Diette also highlighted the experiential learning components of the curriculum, arguing that his role as Dean of the Faculty ought to be to improve the execution of exist-

ing programs rather than, per se, to suggest new ones.

As a computer science student, I was gratified at Dr. Glass’s suggestion at improving our hiring process, particularly for positions that are difficult to fill—extensive networking with department chairs and programs across the country seems quite suited to filling a position at a college like Hampden-Sydney, although, again, I must emphasize that I am neither aware of all the details of our current process nor of the other candidates’ proposals. I have heard from someone else that he was gratified, in

meeting Dr. Glass in another setting, at Dr. Glass’s focus on hiring excellent faculty above other possible goals in the hiring process.

At the same time, I thought Dr. Diette’s comments were equally reasonable. He suggested that one primary focus should be to find ways to convey the actual experience of working at Hampden-Sydney—the camaraderie among faculty, for example—to distinguish positions here from elsewhere, but emphasized that one must be realistic about the economics of the situation.

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H-SC SLUDGE REPORT

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RUBINO, CONT'D

definitely be fun to watch. The losers of the league came out on top this week. Hopefully this week was not an anomaly and we see more upsets are here to come. Although it might not be fun to lose a parlay, you have to admit this last week for the NFL was a good one.

CHRISTIAN’S CORNER, CONT'D

mains with Jesus. If you have any questions or just want to discuss the article, then please feel free to reach me using mintonj25@hsc.edu. May He bless you and keep you!

TIGER TALES

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STAFF WRITER

Another week later, the boy was back home. The guard personally escorted him to his house, and then sat down to have a talk with his parents. “Thank you for returning him,” the boy’s mother said. “We couldn’t bear to think of him locked up like that.” “You needn’t worry, ma’am,” the guard replied. “It was perfectly legal for me to release him.” “That’s not what worries me,” the boy’s father cut in. “Who’s to say he has truly been... reformed?” It was the question the guard had been waiting for. There was no turning back now.

He glanced at the windows and saw no one close enough to listen in. Still, he beckoned with his hand for the other two adults to lean in closer to him before he spoke, and after a second’s pause, they obliged him. “I’ll be honest with you,” the guard said. “Your son hasn’t changed his ways at all.” The boy’s father just stared at the guard, his face slowly hardening. “Then why have you brought him here?” he asked, his voice still strangely even. “You of all people must know what will happen if he is found out again.” “I’m not sure it’s going to matter much longer,” the guard replied. “If you’re trying

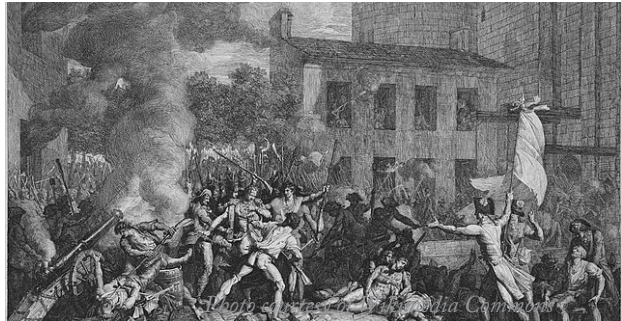
BRONE ZAJICEK '27
GUEST WRITER

Haynes ‘26 and Parrish ‘27 say that the political direction of Hampden-Sydney is in danger because it is not a place of diversity that actively includes other political opinions. Individuals may hold a minority opinion that differs from the mainstream and, in turn, shy away from voicing it. Thus, the idea comes about that Hampden-Sydney is mainly conservative and fails to accept those of liberal ideology. In fact, Haynes claims that Hampden-Sydney is in danger of polarization that

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Alex Rosenberg is an influential philosopher who currently teaches at Duke University in North Carolina. He has written a myriad of philosophical books such as *The Atheist’s Guide to Reality*, *Darwinian Reduction*, and *The Structure of Biological Science*. Dr. Rosenberg visited Hampden-Sydney College on the 20th of October to give a speech on Darwinism. This event was sponsored by Hampden-Sydney’s Philosophy Club and open to any student interested.

to say something,” the boy’s mother cut in, “just say it.” Once again, the guard glanced carefully around the room. Then, making up his mind,



he asked a question from which there was no going back. “Will you join me in starting a revolution?” The room fell silent and still, as if time itself had stopped. Fortunately, the guard had asked at just the right moment. “Ordinarily, I wouldn’t say this,”

OPINION: AN ACCURATE VIEW OF POLITICAL INCLUSION AT HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

“shall cast out those of liberal opinion from this campus.” However, there is a common misconception between acceptance and political inclusion. Acceptance is adopting a specific ideology as your own that did not exist beforehand. At the same time, political inclusion acknowledges and is charitable towards a particular view but does not require acceptance. In this light, the people of Hampden-Sydney belong to an institution that will tolerate most political views. However, they do not have to accept it. Hampden-Sydney, as a whole, is widely tolerant of differing views, even if most of its students are conservative. As students, we are allowed to express how we feel through the formation of clubs, participation in student government, and other activities to reform parts of our College we disagree with. As young men of Hampden-Sydney, we possess the capacity to see the need for change and influence growth in that direction. However, just because we have an idea and are guaranteed a seat at the political table for discussion does not mean that oth-

ers must accept an idea. Those who say they have no voice at Hampden-Sydney are wrong. We have a voice and the right to express that voice through participation in student government, which is very influential and active on our campus. It becomes an issue when people shout for acceptance of their political views rather than political inclusion. Forcing those to believe in a specific view solely based on cancel culture is dangerous. Being a conservative, I know what it feels like to be criticized or looked

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ROSENBERG ON DARWINISM

The event started with an introduction from Ben Jia, the current Philosophy Club president, introducing Dr. Rosenberg. Afterwards, the famous philosopher stood to give his speech on Darwinism as a Philosophy. Dr. Rosenberg’s speech was centered on combining critical concepts in biology, most notably Darwinism, with that of philosophy. Dr. Rosenberg argued that Darwinism acts as a “universal acid” or, in other words, Darwinism in a philosophical context can reveal the mechanics of how nature and people think. Dr.



Rosenburg believes that looking at society in the context of Darwinism provides the truest outlook on life possible. For a further idea of this true outlook, he argued that the ideas that people produce are nothing more than the reactions of human nature and

are thus not original or creative. This is because all biology and, to a broader degree, all of science follows a set of laws and because of these laws that anything people express is simply due to the following of the nat-

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the boy’s father said, “but yes.” Sensing his wife staring at him incredulously, he explained, “This whole debacle with our son has made me worry that the

Dictator may not truly have our best interests in mind.” “But ... but he must be looking out for us!” his wife objected. “Our society has lived in peace for so long now!” “At what cost?” the father replied hotly. When he saw his wife recoil, he softened his tone. “If the Dictator would sep-

arate children from their parents for no reason beyond his own petty insecurities, if he would send our son to rot in a prison camp rather than to school with his friends, then I say he’s well and truly lost his mind.” “I don’t know ...” she muttered, looking to the floor. The guard could sense her resolve slipping quickly away, if it had ever been there at all. If she wasn’t fully committed to his new cause, she would become a liability. The topic they were discussing couldn’t be shared with just anyone. “And why do you suppose that is?” he asked her. “You can’t imagine the world being any other way than the way

it is now. Wouldn’t you like to take charge of your own future? To decide for yourself how you wanted your son to grow up?” She still didn’t respond, but her face twisted up with emotion. The guard knew he had struck a nerve. “If we don’t make our move now, someone will find out what I’ve done. And if your son goes back to prison, I can’t say he’ll ever come out again.” At long last, she gave a defeated, weary sigh. “So be it. You’ve convinced me. We need to do this. An entire generation’s future is on the line.” The guard nodded once. “Then there’s nothing left to do but get started.”

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LTC SNEAD, CONT'D

al Guard and a 2022 graduate of Hampden-Sydney told me this weekend that Colonel Snead “is the example of a true patriot. He was a real source of guidance and motivation. I really love that man.” The void on campus may be impossible for one person to repair. Colonel Eanes believes that “no one can replace [Colonel Snead]. Literally none can replace him or the passion

he felt and brought to the Hampden-Sydney community and the young men under his care. His example and influence will live on for many generations of students that were under his tutelage.” Even though the hole Colonel Snead leaves on campus is monumental, I believe that he would hope that we all do our best in creating a better community. We will carry Colo-

nel Snead’s spirit in our own lives, creating a world more determined, loving, and kind. The legacy he leaves touches each soul fortunate enough to be a part of his journey. It is our duty now to honor his memory by upholding this legacy, ensuring that our actions represent the best of what Colonel Snead dedicated his life to. The late American writer, Joseph Camp-

bell, once succinctly explained what he believes constitutes a “hero.” He conveyed, “A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.” Well, Colonel Snead, thank you for being our hero, and for inspiring us to dedicate our lives to causes greater than ourselves. Your legacy lives on in our hearts and in the everlasting impact you’ve made on us all.

BUDGET, CONT'D

the Career Center can help, even if it can’t take care of everything. She added that, if students really want to make something happen, a great avenue for events is joint hosting. If another club or organization wants to sponsor an event, it allows both groups to share resources more efficiently. For example, if a pre-professional fraternity sought to make connections with alumni in the industry, they might be able to team up with the Career Center to plan an event that would accomplish that. However, Mrs. Joynes closed by

saying that what is most important is that students remain adequately prepared for upcoming deadlines. Regardless of interest, she wants the students to know there is something for them at the Career Center. Whether students have questions about where to start or are getting ready to graduate, they are here to help. She just suggests that, since they are spread a little thin, students save some time and effort by getting on Handshake and coming in with a resume drafted from one of the templates available online.

DEAN OF THE FACULTY, CONT'D

Every college has troubles hiring and retaining computer science faculty, and one cannot do better than offer competitive salaries. I am a little concerned at the shared vision of a liberal arts college; I think, so to speak, that attempts to provide intellectual experiences often fail to truly educate. Consider the exam-

ple of research: one gains the requisite intellectual skills by participating in research, either joining an existing project or embarking on one’s own, albeit with help; one does not, however, merely receive an intellectual experience that has been designed rather than discovered. I thus find the focus on experiential learning to be,

at times, misguided, and I also wonder if the synergies discussed by our candidate are not merely sideshows in comparison to what is truly important—the subject matter being taught. Perhaps, for example, students should be content with studying mathematics for her own sake, in itself, and should they wish to understand

its applications and uses elsewhere, they ought to take higher-level physics (economics, chemistry, etc.) courses—for one does not understand the application without entering into the perspective of the other field. I must, however, reemphasize that my overall impression of both candidates was positive.

BLAKELY, CONT'D

dence life for about ten years. He went on to say, “Without failure, no matter the time of day, if it was two a.m. or two in the afternoon when I got a phone call; if I needed to respond to something, that person in crisis always had people there to help them.” With this pounding home the message he was trying to convey of the power of neighbors. The final value that we went over was Community with a focus on who truly is in the community at large. Rev. Blakley went over how the Heart of Virginia is a special community. However, he did also talk about how Hampden-Sydney is difficult to place into the community. With a reason for this being an ever-changing student body Rev. Blakley said to clarify this, “It’s harder to make long-term commit-

ments when today’s priority becomes yesterday’s “oh, we did this once.” When he says that community members will be here for generations, he means that the importance of community is that you will see long-term commitments through and not only show up. In conclusion, Reverend Josh Blakley’s town hall meeting at Hampden-Sydney provided valuable insights into his campaign’s core principles of Dignity, Neighbors, and Community, emphasizing the need for empowering individuals, fostering neighborly support, and fostering enduring commitment to the betterment of the Prince Edward community. As the election day approaches, these values underscore his vision for a stronger, more connected Virginia House of Delegates.

ROSENBERG, CONT'D

ural laws of science. After presenting the main bulk of his argument, Dr. Rosenberg began to answer any questions proposed by the audience. Like any good philosopher, he took questions willingly and answered them to the fullest he was able to. This served as an excellent chance for those of the Philosophy Club to hone their skills as young philosophers and, for those interested in philosophy,

served as a great introduction to the subject. Even those who were STEM majors, particularly those of biology, gained a lot of insight due to a different angle of looking at Darwinism. After all the questions had been answered, Dr. Rosenberg and the Philosophy Club left to have dinner and enjoy further discussion. President of the Philosophy Club Ben Jia has plans to put on even

more events like Dr. Rosenberg’s speech. Since the philosophy club up until very recently was quite dormant, Ben Jia has been pushing to move the club out of its dormant phase and back into being an active contributor at Hampden-Sydney. Today, the club has a healthy number of attendees and is putting on more and more activities every semester. Dr. Rosenberg’s visit proves that the club is becoming

increasingly active and seeking to bring in bigger speakers from the world of philosophy. The Philosophy Club is for anyone interested in learning more about different philosophical subjects and how to look at those subjects from a variety of viewpoints. With the Philosophy Club becoming more active, students on campus will have the opportunity to experience philosophy through means outside the classroom.

TUCKER, CONT'D

we study against a backdrop of studious brickwork and tradition, and we in its foreground can choose to harmonize with it or contradict it. Slacks and pajama pants are each a step removed from what is widely considered everyday attire in different directions. The former, however, is a step towards what Hampden-Sydney is and has been, and the latter is a step away. Each step we take as

representatives of a ~250-year-old institution pushes its trajectory further into either direction. So, as you tie your pajama pants and put on your crocs, maybe hear the voice of Patrick Henry asking you to at least wear sweats or jeans and closed-toed shoes. Every man is issued a copy of To Manners Born, To Manners Bred by Mr. Tommy Schomeau ’69, which includes and goes above and

beyond any situation a given Hampden-Sydney man may face. Mr. Schomeau’s teachings, though, are nonetheless applicable. A Hampden-Sydney man must be a gentleman by conscious intention and, at all times and all places, endeavor to represent himself as such. Your full-time job is being a student. If a man cannot learn but in loungewear, then by no means make him dress oth-

erwise. This is not the case, however, as far as I am aware. There is plenty of room for a Hampden-Sydney man to wear sweatpants. But to meander such a historical campus without regard for behavior or presentation is to do it a disservice. The “Hidden Ivy” reputation of the school is there as long as we sustain it, and we could stand to do it some good.

INCLUSION, CONT'D

down upon simply because I hold a different view that does not align with liberal ideology. Sadly, for both conservatism and liberalism, our world has become very quick to judge, but Hampden-Sydney is different. Everyone can express their opinion, but crying for equality in opinions is very different. As Hampden-Sydney men, we are not living under the facade that we all originate from the same background. It is reck-

less for Parish ‘27 to claim that Hampden Sydney is a “bubble where [students] haven’t experienced many voices that are not their own.” With a little diligence, one can find that our campus is rich in cultural, religious, and political diversity. We have nothing to prove to ourselves or others that we are more than the stereotype of hard partiers from old money because we know who we are. We are Hampden-Sydney Gentlemen.